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THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE held its first meeting on the 18th of May, 1899, but under an overcast sky—as we foretold many months ago. Since the Tsar's Eireneion surprised both the Old and the New World, it cannot be said that any Great Power has diminished its armaments ; Russia herself has vastly increased both her military and naval forces, and has even cruelly compelled Finnish young men to enrol themselves in her great army. Moreover, Russian policy in China, even after the signing of the Anglo-Russian agreement, is being pushed in a provocative manner ; the Transvaal is in a state of unrest, and the Boers seem bent on defying Great Britain, instead of extending the franchise to the Outlanders ; the state of Bulgaria and Macedonia is one of seething discontent.

When we find that the deliberations of the Conference will be carried on under the influence of the coming SOLAR ECLIPSE in *Gemini*, and MARTIAL ascendancy at the SOLAR INGRESS into *Cancer*, this month, we cannot be sanguine as to anything more valuable in the direction of Peace and partial disarmament than a declaration in favour of the principle of arbitration and minimising the horrors of war.

The partial eclipse of the SUN, on the 8th of June, takes place in *Gemini* $17^{\circ} 12' 41''$, in the ascending degree of the zodiacal sign ruling the City of London. Although the eclipse is small, as seen here, it is important, because the Sun and Moon are within $3^{\circ} 25'$ of exact opposition with Saturn retrograde in the sign *Sagittarius* $20^{\circ} 38'$. It begins here at $4^{\text{h}}\ 43^{\text{m}}$. a.m., and ends at $5^{\text{h}}\ 53^{\text{m}}$. a.m., the greatest phase being at $5^{\text{h}}\ 17^{\text{m}}$.

In keeping with the invariable practice of scientific students of astrology, we have cast the figure of the heavens for the moment of conjunction (New Moon) of the Sun with the Moon, in longitude, viz., $6^{\text{h}}\ 20\cdot5^{\text{m}}$. a.m., when at the centre of London, the sidereal time is $23^{\text{h}}\ 25^{\text{m}}\ 47\cdot7^{\text{s}}=351^{\circ} 26' 56''$ in arc of right ascension,

giving the sign *Pisces*, $20^{\circ} 41'$ culminating and *Cancer* $20^{\circ} 13'$ ascending. The Sun and Moon are in the twelfth house or division of the heavens, applying to opposition with Saturn, conjunction with Neptune, and trine aspect with Mars.

Last July we wrote our opinion on the indications of the horoscope of this eclipse—*vide* p. 59 of Zadkiel's Almanack for 1899—and mentioned that the ancients averred that a Solar eclipse in the second decanate of *Gemini* portends “robbery, piracy, and slaughter.” Piracy is not now to be feared in our waters; but off the coast of Morocco and in the Far East a reerudescence of it is very probable. This eclipse being afflicted by Saturn will disturb, from time to time, the peace of the Old World and the Money Market in both hemispheres, until Saturn shall finally pass away from opposition with its place and that of Neptune, which will not be before Christmas-tide.

The first meeting of the Peace Conference took place at $2^{\text{h}}. 10^{\text{m}}$. p.m. of the 18th of May. The horoscope is not encouraging, for Jupiter, the harbinger of peace, mercy, and reform, is retrograde in the most martial of all the zodiacal signs, *Scorpio* $2^{\circ} 35'$; Mars, the planet of strife, is in *Leo* in the eleventh house, elevated above the Moon (significator of the peoples of the countries whose representatives attend the Conference, and ruler of the tenth house) in the twelfth house. The Moon is in close quartile aspect with Uranus and Mercury, her dispositor is in opposition with Jupiter from the eighth house. Venus, ruler of the ascendant, is in *Aries* a martial sign; and terms of Mars occupy the cusp of the tenth house and the ascendant. We cannot, therefore, feel sanguine that the Millenium is inaugurated with the meeting of this Conference. The noble motives of the Tsar Nicholas II, which have inspired him to bring about this Conference, and to abolish banishment to Siberia as a punishment for political offenders, are earnest of his high purpose to make use of his immense power for the welfare of humanity. The obstacles in the way of Universal Peace are too formidable, we fear, to be conjured away by means of the Conference. Nevertheless its assembly is a great and glorious effort towards Peace on Earth and goodwill towards Mankind. It must not be forgotton that Queen Victoria is the greatest living benefactor to humanity; and that it is to her that the maintenance of peace was due in several recent emergencies—as the Pope has stated.

THE WRECK OF THE STELLA AND THE PARIS.

“ Railway and Shipping Companies will suffer loss by accidents and wrecks. The 20th of March, and the 3rd and 10th of April are too likely to bring such troubles and calamities.”—ZADKIEL'S ALMANACK for 1899, p. 57.

The terrible calamity caused by the wreck of the London & South Western Railway's steamship *Stella*, at 3^h. 45^m. p.m. of the 30th of March, on the Casquets, by which more than eighty lives were lost; and the wreck of the American liner *Paris*, (a very unlucky vessel), on the Manacles at 1^h 30^m. a.m. of the 21st of May, fulfilled the above prediction, which was based on the fact of the evil planet Mars culminating and in conjunction with the Moon in *Cancer*, at the Solar Ingress into *Aries*, on the 20th of March, 1899, at 7^h. 45.6^m. p.m., London, the horoscope of the Vernal Ingress bearing rule over the Spring quarter.

Several other wrecks took place at the end of March, and again about the 7th of April.

Notwithstanding all that Zadkiel I and II have written during the past thirty years and more, shipbuilders and shipowners continue to chance whether their splendid and costly vessels are launched at unlucky hours when their doom is plainly written in the planetary heavens.* The *Stella* left Southampton at 11^h. 15^m a.m. at the very moment when Mars was rising in *Cancer*. A delay of half-an-hour would have been much wiser. From fear of being thought superstitious, and because of the silly denunciation of astrology by scientists and teachers who never examined it, the gallant ship is launched and sailed in an evil hour, and through some unaccountable error the experienced captain allows her to be navigated too close to dangerous rocks, and a dreadful tragedy results. The editor of a great journal writes that "The human machine is never automatically perfect; the personal equation has to be considered—there is the eternal liability to odd and unaccountable errors." An additional safeguard might be had if, before the hour of launching a noble vessel were appointed, Zadkiel should be asked to choose an auspicious moment. Although "tis not in mortals to command success" thereby, it would be more than ever deserved by attending to celestial influences than by neglecting to notice them.

It is announced that the *Columbia* is to be launched on the 8th of June, at 7 p.m. This is simply courting disaster and defeat.

SHAKESPEARE AND THERAPEUTICS.

THE *British Medical Journal*, May 20th, 1899, gives a full report of the fine oration recently delivered before the Medical Society of London by Allan Doran, F.R.C.S., President of the Obstetrical Society of London, Surgeon to the Samaritan Free Hospital, the subject being "Shakespeare and the Medical Society."

*Vide ZADKIEL'S ALMANACK for 1896, pp. 90-94.

The learned orator quoted Macbeth's rejoinder " Throw physic to the dogs," to his medical adviser who " was unwise in saying that therein the patient must minister to himself." Mr. Doran believes that " Shakespeare meant that the doctor, like the usurper's officers and men, could not ward off the pangs of conscience and the coming ruin of the King and Queen. The apparently tactless remark was meant to be conscience speaking through the doctor's mouth, and conscience is not supposed to possess the tact of a Court physician."

Mr. Doran also marked that Timon of Athens abused doctors; he said to the thieves :—

" Trust not the physician ;
His antidotes are poison, and he slays
More than you rob."

" No reader of Shakespeare," said Mr. Doran, " thinks that our profession is here attacked. The passage is meant to show the blindness of judgment bred by disappointment. The use of the doctor for dramatic purposes is evident here, and nearly, though not quite, as evident in *Macbeth*. In neither is there any satire directed against medicine."

Again, the orator said that " Cornelius, the physician in *Cymbeline*, is placed in an entirely favourable light. But just as the Bard did not create the two doctors in *Macbeth* in order to satirise medicine, so he did not mean Cornelius to glorify our profession. The character is part of the dramatic machinery devised to protect Imogen against her enemies. In *All's Well that Ends Well* the court physicians fail to cure the King of France's thoracic fistula; but the plot turns on the success of the heroine, who uses a remedy introduced by a deceased doctor—her own father. It would be interesting to know how the fistula was closed. Helen's ' receipt ' seemed, according to Boccacio, to be purely herbal (*polvere di certe erbe utile a quella infermita*), so that there was no drainage, still less excision of a rib."

Mr. Doran quoted also :—

" The heavens themselves, the planets and this centre
Observe degree, priority, and place,
Insisture, course, proportion, season, form,
Office and custom, in all line of order."

" 'What with our Council we have done,' as Richard II says, we all know " said the orator; but he did not quote the following lines, which illustrate the law of *similaris* discovered by the immortal Hahnemann, perhaps the uncomfortable reflection would have been occasioned thereby that one thing the Medical Council has *not* done, we all know, viz., investigate and test homœopathy fairly and thoroughly :—

“ Tut man ! one fire puts out another’s burning,
 One pain is lessened by another’s anguish ;
 Turn giddy and be holp by backward turning ;
 One desperate grief cures with another’s languish :
 Take thou some new infection to the eye
 And the rank poison of the old will die.”

This is homœopathy. The children of Israel bitten by serpents must be cured by a serpent. The law of similars is universal and indisputable, but the Medical Society suppresses it ! It is adumbrated to all who have eyes to see, in the phenomena of electricity, where the positive and negative state produce similar phenomena ; and yet if the positive electricity is brought to act upon the negative, or *vice versa*, all efforts cease.

Homœopathy is treated with contempt by the Medical Society—notwithstanding the fact that Dr. Sydney Ringer has borrowed from it, in his work on Therapeutics—and yet Mr. Doran quoted Carlyle’s saying that : “ Contempt is a dangerous element to sport in ; a deadly one if we habitually live in it,” and said that : “ If a colleague can show us better results and demonstrate any scientific error we have made, let us thank him and cheerily seek the sources of the fallacies which have misled us. Then it shall go hard, as Shylock would say, but we will better the instruction.”

Hahnemann showed far better results from his treatment of disease on the law of similars than the orthodox school of medicine has ever shown : but prejudice has hitherto prevented the dominant clique from ever thanking him for demonstrating the fallacies which have misled the allopathists.

Here is another quotation overlooked by Mr. Doran :—

“ In poison there is physick.”

This is to be found in *Henry IV.*, Part ii, Act i, Scene i.

The germ theory of disease, of which the orthodox school is so enamoured, is of very ancient origin. Paracelsus insisted on it, and attributed epidemic diseases to planetary action on the atmosphere.

Shakespeare said :—

“ But when the planets
 In evil mixture to disorder, wander,
 What plagues ! and what portents ! what mutinies !
 What raging of the sea ! what shaking of the earth !
 Commotion in the winds !—”

Mr. Doran omitted all mention of this fine passage. Astro-therapeutics and homœopathy are built upon the unerring foundation of observation and experiment, and “ must necessarily stand good till the dissolution of Nature itself.”

SCIENCE AND ART OF THE ANCIENTS.

Our opponents are ever repeating the parrot-cry that “ astrology is but an ancient superstition, and we have long ago discarded it as a *pseudo* science.”

In "The Cloister and the Hearth," the late Charles Reade made some pertinent and justly severe strictures on the tendency of moderns to deride the science and works of the ancients. Reade makes Colonna say to Jerome:—"What have we Christians invented without their aid (the heathen)? painting? sculpture? these are heathen arts, and we but pygmies at them. What modern mind can conceive and grave so god-like forms as did the Athenian sculptors, and the Libyan Licas, and Dinocrates of Macedon, and Scopas, Timotheus, Leochares, and Briaxis; Chares, Lysippus, and the immortal three of Rhodes, that wrought Laocoon from a single block? What prince hath the genius to turn mountains into statues, as was done at Bagistan, and projected at Athos? What town the soul to plant a Colossus of brass in the sea, for the tallest ship to sail in and out between his legs?

"Do but think of the Mausoleum and the Pyramids, and the monstrous sepulchres of the Indus and Ganges, which outside are mountains, and within are mines of precious stones. Ah, you have not seen the East, Jerome, or you could not decry the heathen."

"Jerome observed that these were mere material things. True greatness was in the soul."

"Well then," replied Colonna, "in the world of mind what have we discovered? Is it geometry? Is it logic? Nay, we are all pupils of Euclid and Aristotle. Is it written characters, an invention almost divine? We no more invented it than Cadmus did. Is it poetry? Homer hath never been approached by us, nor hath Virgil, nor Horace. Is it tragedy or comedy? Why, poets, actors, theatres, all fell to dust at our touch. Have we succeeded in reviving them? Would you compare our little miserable mysteries and moralities, all frigid personification and dog Latin, with the glories of a Greek play performed inside a marble miracle, the audience a seated city, and the poet a Sophocles?"

"What then have we invented? Is it monotheism? Why the learned and philosophical among the Greeks and Romans held it; even their more enlightened poets were monotheists in their sleeves.

"Ζευς εοτιν ουρανος, Ζευς τε γη Ζευς τοι παντα, saith the Greek, and Lucan echoes him: "Jupiter est quod cunque vides quo cunque moveris." Their vulgar were polytheists; and what are ours? We have not invented invocation of the saints. Our Sancti answers to their Dæmones and Divi or deified mortals to intercede with the higher divinity; but the ruder minds among them, incapable of nice distinctions, worshipped those lesser gods they should have but invoked Invention is confined to the East. Among the ancient vulgar only the mariners were monotheists; they worshipped Venus, called her *Stella maris*,* and *Regina Cælorum*.

*The planet-deity VENUS had her "exaltation" in the watery sign *Pisces*, and a fish was affixed to her statue.

†Mars.—Z.

“Kissing of images and the Pope’s toe is Eastern Paganism. The Egyptians had it of the Assyrians, the Greeks of the Egyptians, the Romans of the Greek, and we of the Romans, whose Pontifex Maximus had his toe kissed, under the Empire. The Druids kissed their High Priest’s toe a thousand years B.C. The Mussulmans, who, like you, profess to abhor Heathenism, kiss the stone of the Caaba : a Pagan practice.

“Tully tells us of a fair image of Hercules† at Agrigentum, whose chin was worn by kissing. The lower parts of the statue we call Peter are Jupiter. The toe is sore worn, but not all by Christian mouths. The heathen vulgar laid their lips there first, for many a year, and ours have but followed them, as monkeys their masters. And that is why, down with the poor heathen ! Pereant qui ante nos nostra fecerint.

“Our infant baptism is Persian, with the font and the signing of the child’s brow. Our throwing three handfuls of earth on the coffin, and saying dust to dust, is Egyptian.

“Our incense is Oriental, Roman, Pagan ; and the early Fathers of the Church regarded it with superstitious horror, and died for refusing to handle it. Our holy water is Pagan, and all it’s uses

“Thou seest the heathen were not *all* fools. No more are we. Not *all*.

“We celebrate the miraculous conception of the Virgin on the 2nd of February. The old Romans celebrated the miraculous conception of Juno* on the 2nd of February. Our feast of All Saints is on the 2nd of November. The Festum Dei Mortis was on the 2nd of November. Our Candlemas is also an old Roman feast ; neither the date nor the ceremony altered one tittle Did we discover Purgatory ? On the contrary, all we really know about it is from two treatises of Plato, the Gorgias, and the Phædo, and the sixth book of Virgil’s *Æneid*.

“We invent nothing, not even numerically. Our very devil is the god Pan, horns and hoofs, and all ; but blackened. For we cannot draw ; we can but daub the figures of Antiquity with a little sorry paint or soot. Our Moses hath stolen the horns of Ammon ; our Wolf-gang the hook of Saturn ; and Janus bore the keys of heaven before St. Peter. All our really old Italian bronzes of the Virgin and Child are Venuses and Cupids.

“You charge me with credulity, Jerome ? and bid me read the lives of the Saints. Well, I have read them, and many a dear old Pagan acquaintance I found there. The best fictions in the book are Oriental.”

It is too much the fashion of present day writers to attribute to Plato the solution, first completed by Eudoxus, of the problem of

*Juno is the ancient name of the Moon when in the sign Cancer—*vide* Zadkiel’s Almanac for 1894, art. “The Veil of Isis.”

the motion of the planets. Whereas it is beyond dispute that Plato derived his inspiration from the priests of Egypt, with whom he resided for thirteen years. Charles Reade ably vindicated the ancients from the modern reproach that "science and astronomy were of home-growth in Greece." Sir George Cornwall Lewis published, about 37 years ago, a very interesting book on "The Astronomy of the Ancients," and the *Times* reviewer said that "the author regards the Bablyonians and Egyptians as nothing more than observers of the celestial phenomena. Their observations enabled them to foretell eclipses, but this knowledge was converted to the purposes of superstition." According to this erroneous view, the proving by numerous exact predictions, extending over thousands of years, that the Deity rules the nations by means of His instruments "the heavens and all the powers therein" is mere superstition! Such "wisdom" as Moses learned of the priests of Egypt—as Solomon delighted in the possession of—as Plato, Pythagoras, Democritus, Manilius, Kepler and Napier (the inventor of logarithms) Bacon, and Melanchthon loved to study and promulgate, is to be cast aside as worthless and superstitious at the word of modern writers who never gave a moment's serious consideration to it!

Berosus, the Chaldaean priest and astrologer, was held in such high respect that a statue was erected as a monument to his honour, in Athens; which statue had a golden tongue in allusion to the remarkable verification of his predictions. Alexander Polyhistor, Josephus, and the Christian Fathers, such as Eusebius, and other writers quoted Berosus with respect; yet the *Times* reviewer considered him as no authority whatever!

Dr. Frank M. Close, a past president of the Tacoma Academy of Science, well known in the scientific world, wrote, in 1895:—

"What are known as the Babylonian tablets are a set of inscribed plates—book leaves written thousands of years before the Christian Era, in which is given an account of the Noachian deluge. These tablets were exhumed from the ancient city of Nineveh, and are now in the British Museum. They state that *Capricornus* was the ruling sign of the Zodiae at the time of the deluge.

"Berosus, a Chaldaean astronomer,* wrote the history of Babylon, and quoted the Babylonian tablets; and he further declared that when the Sun and planets again occupied the Zodiacaal sign, *Capricornus*, another world flood would happen. It is proper to say here that the term "flood" does not mean the end of the world, nor the total extinction of life upon the globe, but the subsidence or sinking of a great body of land, such as a continent beneath the ocean, as in the case of Atlantis and Lemuria. Every nation on the globe preserves the legend of such catastrophes, one of which was the "Deluge."

*Astronomer is the modern term, *Astrologer* is the true one.—Z.

"Beginning on December 9th, 1901, and until the 26th of that month, the Sun and all the planets will be in a direct line; only the earth will be alone at one side of the Sun at the end of the line, and the balance of the planets on the other side of the Sun; and the entire Solar System, Sun and planets, will occupy astronomically the Zodiacal sign *Capricornus*.† Whether the conclusions of Berosus will prove correct remains to be seen. The fact exists that the planetary conditions will obtain. Granted that the laws of magnetism are correct, that the operation of magnetism is correctly stated, and that the planets are magnets, terrestrial disturbances are perfectly normal results, whenever such a powerful magnetic force as the combined force of the planets is exerted in one single direction against the earth. The postulate rests mainly upon the determination of the subject that the planets are magnets. Science is unanimous in declaring that the earth is an electromagnet made so by the current of electricity coming from the Sun, and which, in her axial revolution, she is continually winding upon herself. We have no reason, whatever, to assume that any other member of the system differs in this respect."

Such is Dr. Close's view. Our opinion is that the *Mutation* conjunction of SATURN with JUPITER in *Capricornus*, attended by the Sun and the other planets known to the ancients, was regarded by Berosus as the cause of a great flood like the Deluge. As it will not be the mutation in December, 1901, we do not apprehend a great Deluge, but earthquakes will be great and destructive, we fear.

HER MAJESTY'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Her Majesty has celebrated the eightieth anniversary of her birthday, and has nearly completed the sixty-second year of her glorious reign. Her Majesty's nativity with JUPITER in the Midheaven and the Sun and Moon rising; Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Saturn being between the ascendant and the Midheaven; the Sun and Moon in trine aspect with the degree (*Aquarius 2° 24'*) culminating is a splendid proof of the truth of natal astrology. We gave a diagram of the nativity and the primary directions measuring to the periods of the chief events of Her Majesty's remarkable reign in STAR LORE for June, 1897.

Although some good primary directions come into operation in the Queen's 81st year, there are three of opposite nature which may cause some trouble.

†This is not exactly correct for Neptune will then be in the first degree of *Cancer* the sign opposite to *Capricornus*.—Z.

M.C. ó ♀ zodiac, direct	...	...	79° 59'
D * ♜ zodiac, converse	...	...	80° 3'
M.C. * ♜ mundo, converse	...	...	80° 6'
M.C. □ ♜ zodiac, converse	...	...	80° 11'
D Rapt-parallel Saturn	...	...	80° 12'
D □ ♀ zodiac, direct	...	...	80° 15'
Ascendt. * ♂ mundo, converse	...	...	80° 26'
⊕ Rapt-parallel ♀ ...	...	...	80° 37'
M. C. ó ♀ mundo, direct	...	...	80° 41'
♀ par. ⊕ zodiac, direct	...	...	80° 46'

The square of the Moon with Mercury, and the rapt-parallel of both Sun and Moon with Saturn, would try the strongest constitution at so advanced an age. Happily, the Sun is supported by Venus, by direction, and this favours the success of remedial measures. Her Majesty's physicians should make use of astrological knowledge, and so avoid applying remedial measures at inopportune times. The head and eyes will suffer we fear, in the summer.

The nation will have some disputes and crises to pass through in June to August, and again about October or November next.

The Sun returned to his place at birth (*Gemini 2° 7' 6''*) at 17½ minutes after noon of the 23rd of May, 1899; the Sun applying to opposition with Uranus, and the Moon to the same aspect with Mercury. We wish that the configurations were more favourable.

In the year 1852, on the 33rd anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday, the father of the writer said:—*

“It has pleased God in His mercy to place our present Sovereign on the throne of England. We have earnest of her gracious intentions when we see her encouraging improvements and charities of all kinds by her personal investigation and the liberality of her purse. Despite all the machinations of the interested, the Queen wears by acclamation her hereditary crown, and

“May HE who wears the crown immortally
Long guard it hers.

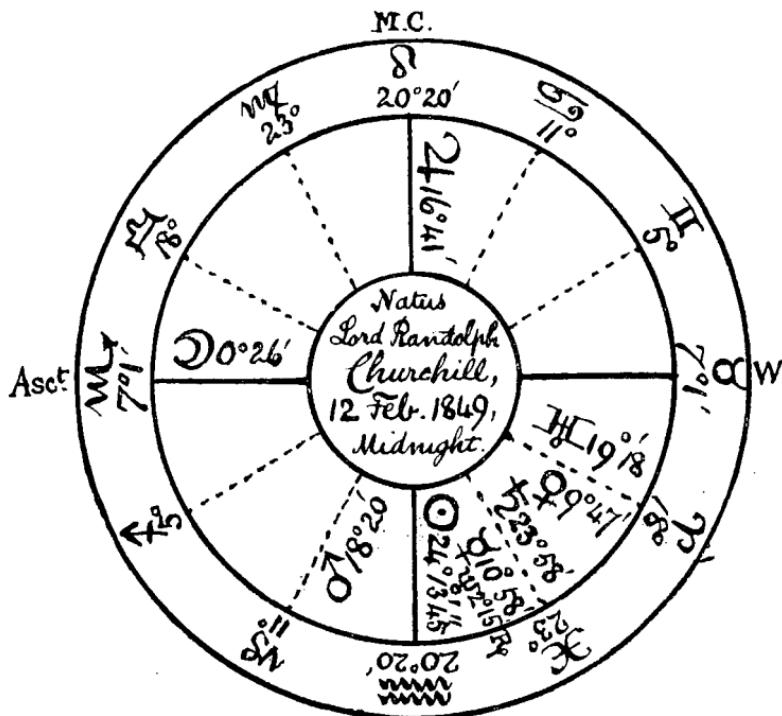
“O may she so live in the hearts of her people, and so reign in the fear of God, that it may become hereafter a matter of controversy among unborn historians whether Victoria has not the fairest claim to the now proverbial appellation of the Best of Queens.”

The joyous celebration of the 80th anniversary of her birth throughout the immense Empire over which the Queen and Empress extends her beneficent rule, is a touching proof of how Her Majesty has won all the hearts of the hundreds of millions of people and scores of races, who are her loyal subjects.

* *Homoeopathic Record*, June 15th, 1852, p. 307.

HOROSCOPE OF THE LATE LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL.

In the year 1887 the late Dowager Duchess of Marlborough very kindly acceded to our respectful request for the time of birth of her illustrious son Lord Randolph Churchill. Her statement was that the birth took place exactly at 12 o'clock, midnight, of the 12th of February, 1849, at 3, Wilton Crescent, London. We returned her Grace's letter, and promised not to publish the horoscope during



PLANETS.	LAT.	DECLIN.	RT. ASCN.	MER. DIST.	SEMI-ARC.
Sun	0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Moon	3 56N	7 57 48	209 42 38	66 57 59	79 53 10
Mercury ...	1 57N	5 32 37S	341 41 21	18 56 42	97 0 34
Venus	0 40N	4 29 8N	8 43 54	45 59 15	84 20 22
Mars	0 45S	22 56 48S	289 58 21	32 46 18	122 9 12
Jupiter ...	2 1 0N	16 49 8N	139 26 59	3 17 40	112 20 13
Saturn ...	2 4S	4 17 56S	355 16 31	32 31 52	95 25 24
Uranus ...	0 36S	7 0 36N	18 1 50	55 17 11	81 6 31

her lifetime. That gifted and noble lady having passed to the higher life, we now present our readers with the horoscope as a remarkable exemplification of the truth of astrology.

The sidereal time at the moment and place of birth (40° west of Greenwich) was 9^h 30^m 58^s. 6=142° 44' 39" in arc of right ascension, which gives the sign *Leo* 20° 20' 17" culminating, and *Scorpio* 7° 0' 41" ascending. The Sun is seen, in the annexed diagram, in the fourth house or lower meridian, in *Aquarius* 24° 13' 45", separating from opposition with Jupiter, in semi-quartile (45°) aspect with Venus, decile (86°) with Mars, and semi-sextile (30°) with Saturn. The Moon is in the twelfth house, lately risen in *Scorpio* 0° 26' 1", separating from zodiacal parallel with Uranus and trine (120°) aspect with the Sun, in bi-quintile (144°) with Saturn, and applying to the trine with Neptune.

Mercury is in the fourth house, in 10° 58' of the sign *Pisces* (♓), nearly in zodiacal parallel with both Venus and Saturn. Venus is in the fifth house, in *Aries* 9° 47', nearly in semi-sextile with Mercury. Mars, the ruling planet, is in the third house, in *Capricornus* 18° 20' in quartile (90°) aspect with Uranus in the sixth house and in *Aries* 19° 18'. Jupiter has passed the upper meridian by 3° 17' 40", is retrograding in the sign *Leo* 16° 41', and separating from trine with Uranus. Saturn is on the cusp of the fifth house in 23° 58' of the sign *Pisces*. The ascendant has the mundane trine of Saturn, the zodiacal trine of Mercury and parallel of the Sun.

The eloquence, high courage, independent judgment, clearness of perception and penetration of Lord Randolph Churchill are indicated by the configuration of the ascending degree (by trine aspect) with Mercury (as in John Bright's horoscope), and with Mars (by quintile), the sign rising being *Scorpio* (as in Beaconsfield's horoscope*) the most martial of all the signs. The zodiacal parallel of the Sun with the ascending degree (the declination of η 7° 0' 41" being 13° 51' 50" S.), gave ambition (but not too great, as Jupiter is supreme), love of a public life, and politics. The trine of Saturn with the ascendant gave seriousness of purpose, labouriousness, and steadfastness of purpose. The disposition is shown to be good-natured, generous, noble, and amiable, by the elevation of Jupiter above all the heavenly bodies, and the mutual zodiacal parallel of Mercury and Venus.

Had the noble lord been born a quarter of an hour earlier when Jupiter was exactly culminating, he would have retained his high office in 1886. His sudden resignation of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer on the 23rd of December, 1886, did more credit to his heart than his judgment, for he resigned because he found it impossible, on account of the obstruction of at least one of his

* Vide "Science of the Stars," second edition, p. 105.

colleagues, to carry out his promises to his countrymen. His energy and desire to carry out reform were not welcome to certain officials.

Space will not permit of an exhaustive analysis of his character and his horoscope. It is a great pity that his useful career was cut short by his death ere he completed his 46th year. His delicacy of constitution is shown by the position of Uranus in the sixth—the house of sickness—in quartile with Mars; by the Moon having the zodiacal parallel with Uranus, and the ascending degree receiving the sesquiquadrate ray of Saturn (in the zodiac).

The noble lord married in January, 1874, $\text{arc}=24^\circ 55'$, under the following train of primary directions:—

Ascendant parallel Moon, zodiac, con. ...	... 23° 51'
Ascendant trine Saturn, zodiac, direct ...	... 24° 10'
Sun parallel Venus, zodiac, direct ...	... 24° 21'
Ascendant 24° Moon, zodiac, direct ...	... 24° 49'

He represented Woodstock in Parliament from 1874 to 1885; in the latter year he acceded to the request of Paddington electors to contest that seat, and was returned by a good majority; the same year he became Secretary of State for India, in June or July; and the following year was made Chancellor of the Exchequer in July— $\text{arc}=37^\circ 25'$ —which office he resigned on the 23rd of December— $\text{arc}=37^\circ 52'$. The following primary directions operated in 1885 and 1886:—

Ascendant parallel Venus, zodiac, con. ...	... 36° 40'
Ascendant parallel Saturn, zodiac, con. ...	... 37° 21'
Midheaven 144° Sun, zodiac, direct ...	... 37° 28'
Moon rapt parallel Jupiter, mundo ...	... 37° 46'
Sun quartile Uranus, mundo, con. ...	... 38° 2'

His health failed lamentably in the year 1894, travelling in Africa having done him no permanent good, and in December of that year he was seized with paralysis, succumbing to the seizure on the 22nd of January, 1895, to the grief of the nation. His devoted mother never really rallied from the shock of his death; her tender and loving heart was almost entirely crushed by the blow. The gradual development of the weakness and illness which eventually proved fatal to the noble lord took place under the operation of:—

Moon parallel Saturn, zodiac, con. ...	... 44° 8'
Sun parallel Saturn, zodiac, direct ...	... 45° 2'
Moon rapt parallel Mercury, mundo ...	... 45° 17'
Moon parallel Mars, mundo, con. ...	... 45° 32'
Moon quartile Neptune, zodiac, mundo ...	... 45° 40'
Midheaven opposition Venus, mundo ...	... 45° 59'
Saturn parallel Sun, zodiac, direct ...	... 46° 0'

The arc for death (one degree=one year of life) is $45^\circ 57'$.

It will be seen that we have not rectified the given time of birth—it was recorded as “so close to 12 o'clock that it could hardly be said whether the birth took place on the 12th or 13th”—

but have presented the primary directions as computed to midnight exactly, and they harmonize in the most remarkable manner with the chief events of Lord R. Churchill's life and his untimely death.

The transit of Saturn over the place of the Moon at his birth, on the 10th of November, 1894, weakened his health; and on Christmas Day, when he was seized with paralysis, Saturn had not progressed 5° beyond the Moon's place, and had arrived within 2° of the ascending degree. On the day of his death, Saturn was in *Scorpio* $6^{\circ} 47'$ —within $14'$ (fourteen minutes of a degree) of the exact ascendant—while Mars had but just passed the opposition with Saturn and the ascending degree.

At some future time we hope to find space for some further remarks on this interesting and instructive horoscope.

LOOKING FORWARD.

MUCH as we should like to foretell haleyon days for our beloved country, we are compelled to sound a note of warning against the slightest excess of optimistic anticipation. The Solar Eclipse being afflicted by Saturn, and the supreme position of Mars at the summer solstice, forbid the hope that public affairs will run as smoothly as might be fairly expected from the assembly of the Peace Conference. As we pointed out many months ago, the 8th to the 12th of June will open up a critical time, the month of August will be troublous, and November will bring epidemic sickness.

The trade and commerce of the City and Port of London will certainly suffer at the periods above named; and we shall be agreeably surprised if the funds and stockmarket do not show a downward tendency. We therefore counsel speculators to be on their guard and to deal very cautiously and not largely.

The outbreak of plague in Egypt is a very serious affair, and although there may be no reason to apprehend its spreading to the Continent and the British Isles, an epidemic constitution of the atmosphere ever attends Solar Eclipses in the airy triplicity (*Gemini*, *Libra*, and *Aquarius*) when the Sun is afflicted at or near the time of eclipse. The vitiation of the atmosphere may take place at once, but we think that it will be in August and November that it will become marked in its effects on the health of the community. Let the Sanitary Officials and Medical Officers of Health accept this warning and prepare to meet the foe. By perfect sanitation, calmness, absence of fear, and temperateness in all things, any epidemic may be almost defied.

In the East and the Far East, our possessions and rights will need the greatest watchfulness against an insidious rival.

The use of astrology is to foresee critical periods and prepare for them, in order not to be surprised—just as the mariner shortens sail and prepares for the squall when the barometer rapidly falls, ere the storm cloud rises suddenly.

THE RULING SIGN OF ROUMANIA.

I HAVE information regarding Roumania which may be interesting to your readers, confirming the fact that *Leo* is the sign ruling that country. It is to the effect that Roumania was a penal settlement of the Romans : that the language is derived from the Latin and very greatly resembles the French and Italian languages. Although Roumanian is *the* language, French is used very much in that country ; two newspapers are published in French, the educated classes speaking both French and German, and merchants' books and accounts are chiefly kept in French currency. The term "*Leu*" (*Leo*) being the native name for the equivalent of a franc is very curious.

A CITY MERCHANT.

Leo has always been held by astrologers to rule "the northern parts of Roumania," and it is the same sign which rules Rome and France. Our correspondent's nativity had *Leo* 29° culminating, the Sun, Venus and Mercury being in that sign ; and curiously enough he has business connexions with Roumania and France.

The Roumanians claim to be descendants of a colony of Romans located in their country by the Emperor Trajan, and call themselves Romeni. Three-fourths of the words of their language are almost pure Latin. Fifty-seven years ago the French language was adopted by the Court and the upper classes.

In April, 1854, Mars was *stationary* in the sign *Leo* $28^{\circ} 1'$ close to the martial star Regulus and in quartile with Saturn ; and war raged around the Roumanian territory that year, the Crimean war following in September of that year.

When the former principalities of Walachia and Moldavia were united, in 1861, to form the independent principality of Roumania, Jupiter was in the sign *Leo*. In 1877 when the Roumanian army assisted the Russians in the war against Turkey, Uranus was in *Leo*. There can be no doubt that *Leo* is the ruling sign of Roumania.—Z.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEDOURE.—Lessons in computing nativities and primary directions can be given by correspondence. Our terms may be known on application.

T. J. is anxious to make it known that the editor is "the only master of the science of astrology whom I have found capable of computing primary directions with exactness and precision. I am speaking the simple truth without an atom of flattery, and I am in a position to judge, as I have paid for my experience dearly, having found several advertising professors to be astoundingly ignorant."

C. O.—We gave the horoscope of the late Lady Isabel Burton in *Future*. We can supply you with the numbers from June, 1893, to July, 1894, inclusive, on receipt of a remittance of six shillings and sixpence.

ADINE, having received a copy of the *St. George's Chronicle and Grenada Gazette* of the 25th of March from a friend in Grenada, sends it to us as it contains a reprint in full of the letter on the "Solar Eclipse of July, 1897, and the West Indies" which appeared in our March issue. His friend states that the publication of the article from *STAR LORE* in the local paper has created a profound impression in Grenada. "Those who are hostile fear to rush into print and display their ignorance, and the majority recognise the mighty truth which lies behind. I wish that I were rich enough to disseminate your valuable magazine throughout the English-speaking world."

W. S.—Read Dr. Copeman's book on vaccination in the republished Milroy Lectures; he is Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, and the introducer of glycerinated calf-lymph. At page 110 of his book he describes his inoculation of eggs with "variolous crusts obtained from the smallpox ships of the Metropolitan Asylums Boards." The eggs thus inoculated with *smallpox* were placed in beds of cotton wool and kept in the incubator at a temperature of 37° centigrade for a month. An egg thus treated when opened was found to contain "a creamy material." With the egg cultures Dr. Copeman inoculated a calf, and obtained a strain of lymph which after being passed through a series of calves was successfully employed for the vaccination of children. On page 112 you will find that:—"Eight calves were in all inoculated in this manner, and on May 28th, 1895, lymph taken from vesicles at the third remove from the egg culture was, in my absence, employed for the vaccination of a large number of children at the Animal Vaccine Establishment." On page 114, Dr. Copeman says:—"These experiments have to be repeated, and are in course of repetition." The book was published by Macmillan this year. If, after reading this statement of the source of "pure lymph," you permit your dear child to be vaccinated, the responsibility, if evil consequences result, will be on your shoulders as well as on those of the vaccinator. Be a man, and protect your helpless child from the filthy rite of vaccination.

ERRATA.

Star Lore, March, p. 11, 11th line from bottom, for "wider" read weaker.

Page 14, 7th line from bottom, for "Zinghr" read Ziegler.

Page 15, 5th line from top, for "Zinghr" read Ziegler.